

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0742-01  
Bill No.: HB 544  
Subject: Education, Elementary and Secondary: Elections; Elementary and Secondary Education  
Type: # Corrected  
Date: April 2, 2003  
# Corrected to reflect correction in Oversight assumptions

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
<b>#Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** stated there would be no fiscal impact to their agency resulting from this proposal. Election costs to local governments would depend on the number of petitions files and the resulting number of elections held.

Officials from the **Kansas City, Missouri School District (KCMSD)** stated that holding a special election to recall a board member would be additional cost to the KCMSD. They further stated that board elections generally cost between \$85,000 and \$95,000 each.

Officials from the **Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners (KCBEC)** responded that a special election, single issue or candidate, in the jurisdiction of KCBEC is currently costing in the neighborhood of \$200,000 or more. The school district required to pay for the recall election would be responsible for a fraction of that cost. The Kansas City, Missouri School District comprises about 60% of the KCBEC jurisdiction. An at-large recall election could cost accordingly. A smaller recall would cost less, depending on the size of the participant.

# **Oversight** assumes that a recall election would be held at the same time as regular school board elections; therefore, there should be no additional costs for a recall election.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2004 (10 Mo.)	FY 2005	FY 2006
#School Districts	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business</u>			

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

#### DESCRIPTION

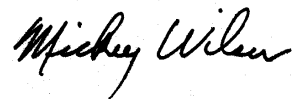
This proposal creates recall procedures for Kansas City school board members, in addition to the procedure available under the academic deficiency statute. Recall petitions can originate from the voters of a subdistrict for a member who represents that subdistrict or from the district at large for an at-large member. The required number of signatures for the petition is 25% of the voters who voted in the last election. The proposal specifies grounds for recall, the requirements for filing the petition, the form and content of the petition, and the procedure for verifying signatures. If a majority votes to retain the recalled member, the member remains in office and cannot be subject to another recall, except as provided in the academically deficient school statute. If the member is recalled, a successor will be chosen at the next date available for school elections. If a member resigns after a recall petition is filed, the position will remain vacant until the next election date available for school elections.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Kansas City, Missouri School District  
Kansas City Board of Election Commission

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